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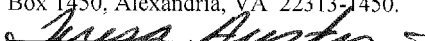
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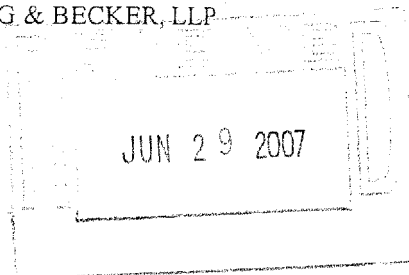
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### *Notice of Allowance Mailed*

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- ☐ The drawing and/or the FIG. label contain(s) foreign language. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Color drawings are present in this application but the following 37 CFR 1.84(a) requirements have not been met\*:
  - ☐ Petition filed
  - ☐ Petition fee
  - ☐ 3 sets of color drawings
  - ☐ Color drawing paragraph

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